Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

The Coordinator

WWARA members voted to accept the Retooling committee recommendations August 5, 2000

The New WWARA

Members Approve Sweeping Change

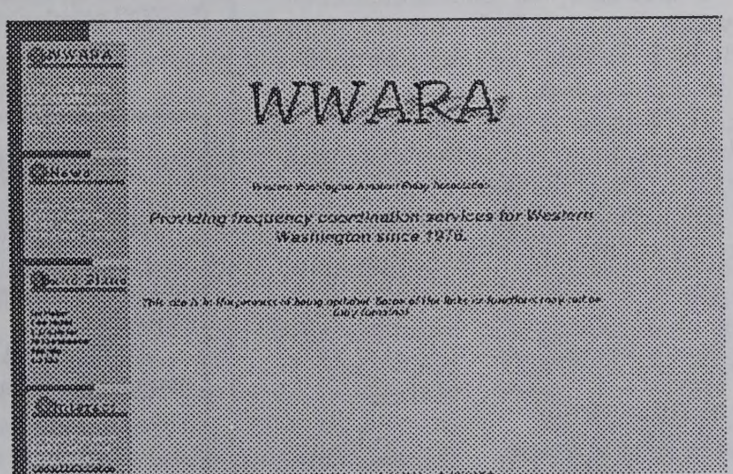
August 5th marks a historic point for the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association. The Association overwhelming ushered in sweeping changes bringing the WWARA into the 21st century. Both the Associations bylaws and coordination policies were overhauled.

The bylaws now require 6 general business meeting per year, does away with physical board meetings and changed the membership requirements for holding office amongst others. The board meetings have been redefined to become a continuing virtual or electronic meeting taking place via tools on the Internet. Ensuring openness and member oversight was purposely crafted into the new processes. Members are now provided a link from the Associations web site to eGroups where the virtual board meeting takes place. Here members may review all board and committee discussions. Representatives now have specific duties defined and play a key role in the coordination process. Requirements to be a member and hold office have also changed to include the largest number of interested licensed amateurs possible.

Most notably the coordination policies have been changed to include well defined procedure and process for handling coordination applications, renewals, dismissals and cancellations. Responsibilities of the Association and applicant are defined along with northwest band plans, shared non-protected repeater operation and cross band repeater operation.

The new documents and links to the virtual board meeting have been placed on the newly remodeled Association's web site at http://www.wwara.org. The documents are in Adobe Acrobat format and may be downloaded and printed.

The Board determined that a review of the Association's business practices was in order and commissioned the "Retooling Committee" after D' Wanna Terry issued her letter last year discussing the FCC's position on amateur frequency coordinators.



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NORTHWEST DIVISION ELECTION

A letter from Ed Bruette, N7NVP
Candidate for Vice Director, NW Division

Dear ARRL Members,

In October you will be asked to vote for the candidates you feel will best represent you on the ARRL Board of Directors. Typically, representatives with the broadest range of interest can most effectively represent the widest cross section of the membership. I have that diverse interest range and have considerable organizational skills as well.

Ed Bruette - N7NVP
Vice Director Canidate

Section Manager, Harry Lewis, W7JWJ, awarded me an ARRL Certificate of Merit in recognition of my achievements as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Kitsap County, Washington. He subsequently appointed me as the ARES Western Washington Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC). As the SEC, I have successfully worked with Washington State Emergency Management Division to integrate ARES more tightly into the state Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Plan.

I have been a staunch supporter of the first principle of Amateur Radio, support to the community. This is a key element in retaining our frequencies and gaining the upper hand when arguing against antenna height limitations. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, in his Ten Personal Suggestions to Amateur Radio Operators, validates this in his first suggestion. "Be proud of what you have and let your feelings be known. Let the public know what you are, what Amateur Radio is, and why it's valuable. Let your feelings be known to Congress, to the FCC, to the media, to your states and to emergency agencies."

Service to others is not new to me. I retired from the US Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer after 31 years. My leadership has been sought after in every Ham organization I have joined. I have served multiple terms on the Board of Directors of the North Kitsap ARC and the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association (WWARA), a frequency coordination organization. I am currently serving a third term as the 6 meter band chairman for the WWARA.

Another of Hollingsworth's suggestions is, "Enjoy ham radio. Celebrate it. But realize it comes with responsibility." I have accepted the responsibility! He also says, "Make sure that, on your watch, Amateur Radio never becomes obsolete." If elected I will work diligently with the other members of the Board to ensure our hobby does not fall victim to obsolescence.

I would like to encourage you to vote. The League is your organization and you need to make it work for you. The best way to do that is to vote for the candidate you feel will best represent the interests of the Ham community as a whole. I believe I am that candidate. If you have questions I can be reached via e-mail at N7NVP@arrl.net or you can call me at (360) 698-0917.

73,
Ed Bruette, N7NVP

FCC TURNS DOWN CB DX PETITION

The FCC has denied a petition that would have amended the FCC's Part 95 rules to permit DXing on the 11-meter Citizens Band. The petition sought to amend §95.413 of the rules that prohibits communications or attempts to communicate with CB stations more than 250 km away and to contact stations in other countries.

Designated RM-9807, the petition was filed by Popular Communications Contributing Editor Alan Dixon, N3HOE.

"Dixon's request is inconsistent with the purpose of the CB Radio Service and could fundamentally alter the nature of the service," the FCC said in turning town the petition.

The FCC action was adopted August 18. The Order was released August 21.

The FCC said CB operators generally supported the proposal and stated that the present rule was unenforceable. The ARRL commented in opposition to the petition. "The Amateur Radio Service is the proper forum for the desired long-distance communications sought by the Dixon petition," the League told the FCC.

The National Association of Broadcasters also opposed Dixon's petition. The NAB said that the restriction was necessary to deter CBers from operating at excessive power levels and that consumers must be protected from illegal CB transmissions that interfere with radio, TV and other consumer electronics.

The FCC agreed with the ARRL and said it did not intend to create a service paralleling the Amateur Service when it authorized the Citizens Radio Service. "Amending the rules to permit long-distance and international communications would undermine the purpose of the CB Radio Service rules and compromise one of the core distinctions between the CB Radio Service and the Amateur Radio Service," the FCC concluded.

Meeting Notice

The next WWARA Membership meeting will be October 5, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Seattle Times Building in Bothell.

All WWARA members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

CLAY'S CORNER FOR SEPT 2000

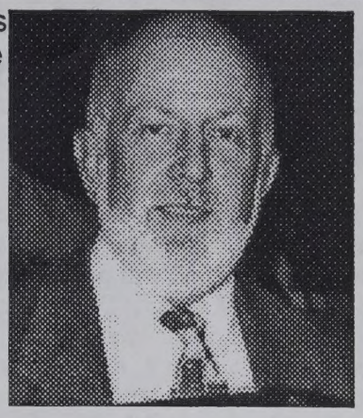
A lot has taken place this past year with the WWARA, most importantly the recently passed revisions to the Bylaws and Policies. As chairman of the committee that worked on this chore I want to again thank you all for your participation. And for those of you that took the time to come to the last meeting and vote...thanks for being part of the decision making process.

These changes will, hopefully, 're-tool' the WWARA into a better organization one that will be better off at dealing with the challenges of the future. By the time you read this, hopefully, the Board and the Committee Chairs will have had a meeting, not to discuss applications for coordination but rather to discuss just how to best implement the changes in process that the new rules call for. There are going to be a couple of rough edges as we put these new systems into practice, your consideration of this will certainly be appreciated.

As we head into fall we will be having a couple of meetings that will be very important. The next one, our normal October gathering, will, for the first time, be a full-fledged open General Business Meeting (as opposed to a Board Meeting).

Due to the changes we have just enacted your attendance at these meetings will be even more crucial. In the past members attending a meeting of the Association were often just on-lookers. This has changed BIG TIME. Coordination now is a multiple step process with the final step asking YOU for YOUR input. This means that you will have the last say in the process. If you are not in attendance, and the decision goes against what you would have liked...you can now blame yourself, as your vote will be counted.

I sincerely hope that all of this will result in not only greater attendance at these meetings (and yes we will continue to meet every 60 days) but will result in greater participation.



Clay Freinwald - K7CR

In making these changes a number of issues that the Re-tooling Committee started out to tackle were put aside in order to concentrate on what was viewed as more pressing matters, i.e., the reworking of the Bylaws and Policies. With that done, its time to go back to our 'to-do-list' and work on the 'other' things that we identified that needed attention. All of this is in an effort to make the WWARA the best coordination organization...anywhere. Leading the charge this time will be Peter Kruml, K7KFJ. I would hope that you would give him the help and participation that you gave me.

The bottom line is that just like any 'product' organizations must continuously seek ways that they can improve themselves. I'm proud that so many in the WWARA feel this way.

In other news ....

Ed Bruette, N7NVP and member of the WWARA Board is running for ARRL Vice Director from the NW Division. Dick Isley, W9GIG, is running for Division Director. Dick has been Chairman of MACC and serves with me on the NFCB. The League has a long-standing policy about conflicts of interest that could force these fellows out of their roles in coordination, but....their new positions on the ARRL Board could go a long way toward better relationships between the League and Coordination.

Don't forget that the new rules re. RF exposure have gone into effect, for more information on this, check the ARRL Web Site.

Till next time...

FCC THREATENS MICHIGAN HAM WITH REVOCATION HEARING

The FCC has told a Michigan ham he could face a revocation hearing if the Commission gets any more reports alleging malicious interference. A Warning Notice went out February 23 to Tech Plus licensee Allen J. Stap Sr, N8OKU, of Bangor, Michigan. In it, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement advised Stap that the FCC has received "numerous complaints regarding malicious interference and jamming, apparently originating from your station" to a 2-meter repeater. Hollingsworth said some of the interference to the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club's repeater consisted of "sound effects, unidentified transmissions and keying over ongoing communications." The FCC said there was further evidence that the licensee had been harassing repeater users.

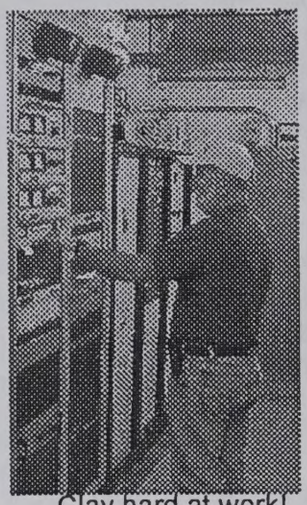
Hollingsworth warned Stap that if "legitimate complaints or our monitoring reveal additional instances of this behavior," the FCC intends to designate his station license for a revocation hearing and his operator license for suspension for the remainder of its term.

According to the FCC, Stap pled guilty in a Michigan district court to interfering with the transmission of public safety messages. He was sentenced to nine months probation and ordered to surrender his 2-meter gear for the duration.

WWARA Vice-Chair Receives National Award

From: The SIGNAL - QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS NATIONAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has announced the 1999 winners of its annual awards program and will present them during the National Awards Dinner, held during the SBE National Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, in Pittsburgh. Clay Freinwald, CPBE, Seattle, has been named Broadcast Engineer of the Year by the Society.



Clay hard at work!

Freinwald, who has been a member of the Society for 32 years, is Senior Facilities Engineer for 11 ENTERCOM stations in the Seattle market. He serves as Chairman of the Washington State and National SBE EAS Committees and serves on the National SBE Board of Directors. He is active in SBE Chapter 16 in Seattle and writes a regular column for their newsletter, WAVEGUIDE.

Congratulations Clay!

Free Amateur Radio Class

Free amateur radio classes will begin Monday September 25, 2000 at the Cosmopolis Gospel Chapel at W. 3rd and South F Street in Cosmopolis.

Class begins at 6:00 PM and ends about 9:00 PM every Monday night. The program will run for 16 weeks.

For more information contact Joe Ledsma KA7AIR at 360 268-9402. Pass the word around.

Financial Review

The Financial Review Committee consisting of Ed Bruette, N7NVP; Bob Lewis, KC7TGA; Mark McKibbin, WR7V; Mark McClain, N6OBY and Nancy McKibbin, KB7BJE, met after the 5 August regular business meeting. They conducted a review of the WWARA's financial records for 1999 and found no discrepancies. Well done to Mark McClain for his attention to detail and streamlining the bookkeeping.

Correspondence Log

July-August 2000

06/21/2000	Check for RD from Laurence Loree, K7HRN
07/01/2000	Email from Evan Burroughs, N7IFJ
	Email to Doug Rider, KC7JC
	Email to Richard Scoble, W7NQF
07/12/2000	Dues, TD, and Fee from William Wason, KA7YXX / PARS-KC7QOV
	Dues from Jim Posey, K7LWZ
	Email from Frank Volz, KA7DNK (via Herman Entz, K7PAG)
07/13/2000	Email from Ralph Lucier, KA7VEE
07/19/2000	Email from Jeff Withers, W3GE
07/20/2000	Email to/from Jeff Withers, W3GE
07/23/2000	Email from Eric Gildersleeve, KD7CAO
	Email from Fred Maia, W5YI
	Email to Armond Noble, N6WR (World Radio)
	Email from Doug Rider, KC7JC
07/24/2000	Email to Armond Noble, N6WR (World Radio)
	Email from/to/from Larry Pollock (W5YI Reports)
07/25/2000	Email from Armond Noble, N6WR (World Radio)
	Email from Randy Stegemeyer, W7HR
07/26/2000	Email to Randy Stegemeyer, W7HR
07/27/2000	Email to Gene Holt, WA7PUD
07/29/2000	Correspondence from Dick Miller, K7KFM
	Check for Dues, RD, and donation from Dale Boggs, K7MJ
	Check for Dues from Dick Miller, N7KFM
	Check for Dues from Chuck Graff, K7CHV
07/31/2000	Email to Mark Sheppard, N7LYE (for W7ACS)
	$12 cash for Dues from Pete Kruml, N7KFJ
	Email to Ron Burden, KC7ONX
	Email to Ron Ohnhaus, K0BQ
	Failed email to Mark Sheppard, N7LYE (the email bounced)
	Email from/to Dwight Hamilton, N7SSO
	Email from Bob Heselberg, K7MXE
08/03/2000	Email to Arne Skoog, WA7WKT
08/01/2000	Email from Ron Burden, KC7ONX
	Email to Eric Gildersleeve, KD7CAO
08/02/2000	Email to Bob Johnson, WA7ZWG
08/03/2000	Email from Eric Gildersleeve, KD7CAO
	Email from Carl Cowl, WA6DPL
08/04/2000	Partial On-Line Renewal from Al Chandler, K6RFK
	Email from/to/from Ron Ohnhaus, K0BQ
	Email from/to/from Bob Gudgel, K7IQ
	Email from Bob Johnson, WA7ZWG
08/05/2000	Email from Arne Skoog, WA7WKT
	Email from Ron Ohnhaus, K0BQ
	$12 cash for Dues from Carl Leon, N7KUW
	$9 cash for RD's from Stephen Pruss, KB7WKK
	$6 cash for RD's from Monte Simpson, W7MLS
	$12 cash for Dues from Roger Hansen, W6TOZ
	$12 cash for Dues from Jon Carter, WA7VNP
	Dues from Don Rose, W7ERH
	Dues from Monte Simpson, W7MLS
08/06/2000	Email from Bob Lewis, KC7TGA
08/09/2000	Email from Carl Cowl, WA6DPL
	TD and RF from James Kaufman, W7UVH
	TD's and RF (x3) from Robert Johnson, WA7ZWG
	TD and RF from Alan Chandler, K6RFK
08/12/2000	Email from Fred Telewski, WA7TZY
08/15/2000	Email to Carl Di Paolo
	Email to Fred Telewski, WA7TZY
08/19/2000	Email from Ed Senior, W6LOL (formerly K7CLX)
08/20/2000	Email to Ed Senior, W6LOL (formerly K7CLX)
08/21/2000	Email from Dick Morrison, K7KFM

* CF= Coordination Fee
* RD= Repeater Directory
* RF= Renewal Fee
* TD= Technical Data Sheet

COURT DENIES KV4FZ APPEAL

The US Court of Appeals has turned down an appeal from Herbert L. Schoenbohm, KV4FZ, of Kingshill, Virgin Islands, of an FCC decision to not renew his Amateur Radio license. The FCC in 1994 refused to renew Schoenbohm's Amateur Radio license citing his 1992 felony fraud conviction and character issues. Subsequently, the FCC said that Schoenbohm had improperly solicited ex parte contacts with the FCC on his behalf.

Schoenbohm had filed FCC administrative appeals at every step along the way. That avenue came to a dead end in 1998 when the FCC reaffirmed the denial of his renewal application. The agency said that Schoenbohm's fraud conviction, "in combination with" his misrepresentations and lack of candor during the renewal proceedings, justified nonrenewal. The FCC also refused to look into allegations newly raised by Schoenbohm that some of his detractors may have had improper ex parte contact with the Administrative Law Judge in the case.

Schoenbohm appealed the decision to the US Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, contending that the denials of both his renewal application and his petition for reconsideration were arbitrary and capricious agency actions. The case was argued by the FCC's and Schoenbohm's attorneys last October.

On February 29, the Court ruled in favor of the FCC. "We affirm the FCC's refusal to renew Schoenbohm's radio licenses and conclude that we are without jurisdiction to review the rejection of his petition for reconsideration," the ruling said.

"There is nothing unreasonable about the FCC's conclusion that Schoenbohm's felony conviction was relevant to his license renewal," the Court said. The Court asserted that a fraud conviction "plainly calls into question a licensee's ability to act in a manner consonant with FCC regulations."

The Court also agreed with the FCC that Schoenbohm "demonstrated an absence of rehabilitation by making deliberate misrepresentations and displaying a lack of candor during the renewal proceedings." The Court said misrepresentations during the FCC's hearings provided "a rationale for nonrenewal" that went beyond his felony conviction.

It's not known if Schoenbohm intends to appeal to the US Supreme Court. His call sign no longer is in the FCC database.

POWER COMPANY ACTS ON AMATEUR COMPLAINTS

After prodding by the FCC, Pacific Gas & Electric Company says it's making headway in mitigating long-standing power-line noise complaints from several Northern California amateurs. Not all complaints have been resolved, however, and several new ones have sprung up in the interim.

The hams involved in the initial complaints had been unsuccessful getting the West Coast power company to investigate their reports of severe noise, so they turned to the ARRL and the FCC for help. In late November, the FCC wrote PG&E to remind the utility of its obligation to rectify equipment problems that cause harmful radio interference. The FCC requested that the company correct the problems "within a reasonable time" and report back.

The complainants were four hams in the Los Gatos/San Jose area and another in Berkeley. ARRL Lab Supervisor Ed Hare, W1RFI—the League's point man for RF interference issues—says the League has since received reports from additional hams in PG&E's service area. Those complaints were forwarded to PG&E for resolution.

In a letter to the FCC, PG&E Manager for Operations and Construction Robert Lipscomb summarized progress in clearing up the initial complaints. The work included replacing poles, guy wires, insulators, and transformers as well as installing radio/television interference "clips" at one site and re-routing a service drop at another. Lipscomb conceded, however, that the utility still has additional work to do. PG&E personnel continue to work with Hare in resolving the complaints. Hare says not all of the five hams who complained have been contacted by PG&E. One still has severe interference, he says, and another has intermittent interference.

The FCC's Part 15 rules obligate utilities and others that fall under their provisions to not cause harmful interference to licensed services and to cease operating a device that's causing harmful interference upon FCC notification. The ARRL Technical Information Service offers more information on how to deal with power line interference at http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/rfi-elec.html. Amateurs suffering from interference believed to be emanating from power generation or transmission facilities may contact Ed Hare, W1RFI, 860-594-0318; rfi@arrl.org.

FCC TURNS DOWN KENWOOD "SKY COMMAND" PETITION

The FCC has declared that use of Kenwood's "Sky Command" remote station control system does not comply with Amateur Service rules. In an Order released July 28, the FCC also declined to grant a waiver of the rules to make Sky Command legal.

"We conclude that Sky Command does not comply with Section 97.201(b), and that a waiver of the rules is not warranted," the FCC said.

Sky Command, which lets the user control a fixed HF station via a pair of dual-band transceivers, has been on the market for almost three years. The ARRL has declined to permit Sky Command advertisements in QST, however, maintaining that the system was not legal to use as configured. Sky Command operates in full duplex, using a 70-cm frequency to transmit audio and control commands to a dualband transceiver at the remote station and a 2-meter frequency to transmit received audio via the remote station's Sky Command transceiver to the operator's transceiver. The VHF channel also contains a Morse code ID.

The League has maintained that Kenwood's use of a 2-meter frequency would cause amateurs using the system to violate Section 97.201(b), which limits auxiliary operation to certain frequencies above 222.15 MHz.

The FCC agreed, saying the VHF link was integral to Sky Command and that Kenwood's view represented "at best a tortured interpretation" of the rules. The Commission also declined to issue Kenwood a requested blanket waiver of the applicable rules because it said the manufacturer failed to meet the standards required to grant a waiver.

The League has called Kenwood's Sky Command System "a fine product" that would be of interest to many hams if designed for frequencies on which auxiliary operation is legally permitted.

Paul Middleton, KD6NUH, Kenwood's national sales manager for amateur and marine products, said the company has suspended shipment of the SkyCommand PG-4R interface cable, but says that it "can't change product software, manuals and literature." Middleton said the company has not yet made a decision on the future of SkyCommand or on future entreaties to the FCC.

BCARCC & WWARA Meet

At what now is becoming the annual meeting of northwest frequency coordinators the British Columbia Amateur Region Coordinating committee and the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association met for their annual conference on Saturday, August 5th in LaConner, Washington.

The purpose of the annual meeting was to maintain the good working relationship between the two organizations. Most of the discussions beyond the usual fascinating stories was of a general nature regarding coordination issues that are facing both groups.

The WWARA has for years been trying to establish a similar meeting with the Oregon Region Relay Council (ORRC), the frequency coordinator to the south. Carl Di'Polo ORRC Chairman has been contacted almost yearly by WWARA Chairman Jon Marcinko and past Chairman Mark McKibbin but, has failed to confirm a meeting.

Front: Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, Al Muir- VE7BEU, Bill Tracey- VE7QQ Back:Frank Merritt- VE7FPM, George Merchant- VE7CHN, Jan Schneider

FCC Responds to repeater interference.

Richard Wright - W4LOC

REX, GA: The FCC wrote General licensee Sherill C. Fore, W4LMO, on July 18, 2000, citing allegations that Fore was operating an apparently uncoordinated repeater that was interfering with a coordinated repeater, KD4AOZ, operating on 147.645/045 MHz. "Evidence indicates that you have been informed of this by the coordinator, SouthEastern Repeater Association, and by the licensee of KD4AOZ, but that you have refused to take steps to solve the problem," wrote FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth. The operation of Fore's repeater on 147.65/05 MHz has been the object of complaints dating back at least five years; the repeater has been on the air for approximately 10 years, according to information provided by the FCC. SERA says the repeater's frequency pair does not conform to its band plan. Hollingsworth noted that §97.205 of the FCC rules says the licensee of the uncoordinated repeater has the primary responsibility to resolve interference in such situations. Hollingsworth gave Fore 20 days to outline the steps he is taking to resolve the interference problem.

RF SAFETY RULES NOW IN FORCE FOR ALL AMATEURS

The time has come! Starting Friday, September 1, every US amateur was required to fully comply with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines.

The regulations, which went into effect January 1, 1998, require US Amateur Radio operators to read and understand the rules and, where necessary, perform technical evaluations to determine that their stations are compliant with the new regulations. Up until now, only hams who have had to file an Amateur Radio application with the FCC have had to certify compliance with the RF exposure rules. As of September 1, all amateurs must comply.

Under the regulations, an amateur station must not exceed the maximum permissible exposure limits for transmitter operation. MPEs are both frequency and power-dependent.

"These regulations are not a major burden on the Amateur Radio Service," said ARRL Lab Supervisor Ed Hare, W1RFI, the League's point man on RF exposure issues. "Most hams are already in compliance with the MPE requirements; some hams will need to conduct a simple station evaluation."

By and large, the FCC has put hams on the honor system, but compliance with the RF exposure rules is not optional.

"Even aside from the fact that every US amateur is required to follow the RF safety regulations, amateurs owe it to themselves, their families, their neighbors, and the general public to follow the FCC guidelines to the letter," said ARRL Pacific Division Director Jim Maxwell, W6CF, in urging compliance.

A complete description of the rules is available on the ARRL Web site. The site also contains resources to make your station evaluation quite painless.

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association
16541 Redmond Way – PMB 243, Redmond, WA. 98052-4482

EASY PAYMENT FORM

My enclosed check is for: Check # _____
___ year(s) Dues @ $12/year Total $ _____
___ Rptr Directories @ $6 each for members ($8.95 each for non-members)

Name: _____ Call: _____
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August 5, 2000 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The August 5, General Membership Meeting was held at the Seattle Times Building in Bothell, WA. Chairman Jon Marcinko, WR7JM, called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Mark McKibbin- WR7V, Nancy McKibbin- KB7BJE, Ken Rau- K7YR, Ed Bruette- N7NVP, Monte Simpson- W7MLS, Matt Taormina- N7KXU, John Schurman- AA7UJ, Bob Lewis- KC7TGA, Noel Santos- AA7ST, Charles Metz- W5RFL, Dave Tyler- N7DRT, Carl Leon- N7KUW, Roger Hansen- W6TOZ, Jon Carter- WA7VNP, Peter Dahl- WA7FUS, Stephen Pruss- KB7WKK, Ron Verschuyl- K7AAE, Don Rose- W7JPH, Don Martin- N7LXC, Carl Holman- K7CH, Carl Cowl- WA7DPL, Don Anderson- AB7V, Al Burleson- K7HW, Pete Kruml- N7KFJ, Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, Mark McClain- N6OBY, Clay Freinwald- K7CR

The minutes from the June 1, 2000, Board Meeting were approved. Current financial reports were distributed and approved- pending the correction of an entry of $58.22 for Interest Expense on the P&L Statement. This charge reflects a finance charge levied for lack of payment by ARS for 1997 Repeater Directories. An adjustment will be made in QuickBooks to offset and eliminate the un-collectable amount.

ADJACENT AREAS:

- IACC: Nothing reported for this period.
- B.C.: The joint meeting between the WWARA and BCARCC Boards was held on Sunday, July 30th, at the Farmhouse Inn in La Conner. The meeting was attended by WWARA Chairman Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, and Secretary/Treasurer Mark McClain- N6OBY, and BCARCC's Frank Merritt- VE7FPM, Al Muir- VE7BEU, Bill Tracey- VE7QQ, Jan Schneider- VE7LET, George Merchant- VE7CHN, and Ed Frazier- VE7EF. We had a good exchange of information and agreed we should continue to meet at least once a year, but not during the summer months due to vacation and other conflicts.
- ORRC: Nothing to report except that we are waiting for replies to several inquiries.
- E. WA: Ken Rau- K7YR, asked if anything is happening in Eastern WA. Jon Marcinko- WR7JM said he would make contact and get an update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-TECHNICAL-

The Interference Issue related to 147.26 seems to be a dead issue. There is reportedly a new owner of the repeater on Naneum Ridge, and it appears that it is not currently on the air.

-6/10 Meters- Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: 53.43 (Bainbridge Is.) Bob Lewis- KC7TGA, is still in a construction phase. 52.89 (Winlock) Bob Simonson- WA7ROB, under construction.

-2 Meters- Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: 145.43 (Winlock) William Harwell- KC7QHJ, we are still waiting for paperwork to support the stated ownership. 145.39 (Everett) Don Anderson- AB7V, request for trustee change and change of location, testing as of 5/19/00. 147.20 (KO Peak) Pete Policani- K7PP, request for new repeater. 147.16 (Mercer Island) Carter Powell- W7IAG, request for new coordination. 145.31 (South Bend) Frank Wolfe- NM7R, request for new repeater. 146.86 (Ilwaco) William Wason- KC7QOV, request for Assignment. 146.80 (Kirkland) John Schurman- AA7UJ, request for new repeater.

-220- Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: 224.50 (E. Tiger) Mark McClain- N6OBY, request to move from Cougar Mt. 224.16 (N. Seattle) Jerry Aceto- K6LIE, repeater is temporarily off the air pending acquisition of a new site.

-440- Board actions: Coordination was granted for the following; 440.675 (Redmond) Mark McClain- N6OBY request to operate 2-way link pair as repeater. 440.100/445.100 (Issaquah/Cougar Mtn) Pete Kruml- N7KFJ request for 2-way link

Other/Pending: 441.850 (Mt Brynion) Carl Di Paolo- W7EXH request for new repeater see note below. 440.775 (Seattle) Mark Sheppard- N7LYE request for new repeater for packet. 444.125 (Index) Matt Kula- KJ7HS modify existing coordination. 430.275 (Snohomish) Loren Hole- KK7M request for 1-way link, , 441.825? (Shoreline) Erik Hokanson- N7UGG request for new repeater. 444.300 (Woodland) Will Pickering- KA7WJR request for new repeater. 444.475 (Bainbridge Is.) Bob Lewis- KC7TGA request for assignment and frequency change. 443.500 (Vashon Is.) Dave Olson- KL7K request for new repeater. 441.600 (Winlock) Rob Simonson- WA7ROB request for new repeater. and 441.300 (KO Peak) Pete Policani- K7PP request for new repeater.

Pete Policani- K7PP requested the WWARA not grant coordination for 441.850 (Mt Brynion) until Carl Di Paolo- W7EXH communicates with him regarding the exact location of the transmitter. Pete has concerns that there could be a possibility of interference to one of the receivers supporting his system at the site.

-900/1.2- Board actions: No Board actions.

Other/Pending: 927.600 (University Place) Rob Lee- K7TGU application for new repeater.

OLD BUSINESS

-Financial Review: The Financial Review Committee will be conducting the 1999 Financial Review immediately following the meeing.

-2000 Repeater Directory: Oregon still has not responded to several requests for their data. A motion was made it passed.

-Re-Tooling effort: (See New Business- Bylaws and policies.)

NEW BUSINESS

-Presentation of Proposed Bylaws and Coordination Policies:

Jon Marcinko- WR7JM and Clay Freinwald- K7CR provided some background on the effort that took place over several months to re-work the WWARA's Bylaws and Coordination Policies, opened the floor for comments from the membership. Most members expressed their general support, and there were several compliments regarding the overall effort that went into the process and final documents.

Ken Rau- K7YR moved for a vote to accept the proposed changes, and the Bylaws and Coordination Policies were adopted with 29 votes for, and 2 against.

Ken Rau- K7YR also moved for an effective date of the December 2nd meeting. This was seconded and approved.

Mark McClain- N6OBY moved that we request the Chairman appoint a chair for a committee to address the remaining items on the original Re-Tooling meeting agenda. This passed, and Chairman asked Pete Kruml- N7KFJ was asked (and accepted) to head "Re-Tooling- Part 2".

-NFCC- Clay Freinwald- K7CR, gave a very brief description of the NFCC. He also reported on the election that is currently underway for NFCC Board positions and indicated that the WWARA needs to cast their vote. The current Board consists of Owen Wormser- K6LEW, Dick Isely- W9GIG, and Dave Shiplett- AC4MU. Nominees include are; Owen Wormser- K6LEW (current Chairman), Dick Isely- W9GIG (past Chairman and current Secretary), and Dave Shiplett- AC4MU, Brian Short- KC0BS, and Dave Bond- KX4I. After some discussion, Ed Bruette- N7NVP moved that we vote for Owen Wormser- K6LEW, Dick Isely- W9GIG, and Dave Shiplett- AC4MU. The motion was seconded and approved.

-UHF Band: Jon Marcinko- WR7JM opened discussion about the use of Links within the UHF spectrum that is generally designated for repeater use. He mentioned that he is in the process of migrating all links used in his systems to the 420-440 portion of the band, freeing up valuable repeater pairs. He asked the Board and everyone present to think about the concept and consider formal support of a plan to move links out of the repeater sub-band.

-Monte Simpson- W7MLS, raised a question about securing additional 2-meter simplex frequencies for use during emergency operation or time of disaster. Dave Tyler- N7DRT, commented that he assisted in developing a plan in Northern California to use EME and other low-power allocations for disaster operations, which was supported by the State OES and the Amateur community. It was suggested to Monte that he contact the local ARES staff and discuss possibilities.

-Other: Clay Freinwald- K7CR, reported that the Los Angeles Police Department is looking hard for frequencies to use for video surveillance. SCRRBA's Bill Kelsey is assisting in the effort. Clay also informed the group that Lew McCoy passed away a few days ago.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5th, 2000 at 7:00pm, at the Seattle Times production facility in Bothell.

Minutes by Mark McClain- N6OBY.

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